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Steve Ledoux From:

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Steve,

Mr. Mullin will be including this support letter in his Morrison Farm packet for the Board of Selectmen's meeting on Dec. 3, 2012.

Regards, Cathy

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Cathy Fochtman, Recreation Director

To: Steve Ledoux, Town Manager

From: Cathy Fochtman, Recreation Director

CC: Tom Tidman, Natural Resources

Date: November 27, 2012

Re: Recreation Operational Support of Morrison Farm

It is with much enthusiasm that I advocate for the development of revenue generating activities at Morrison Farm operated by the Recreation Department. I ask for your endorsement of this approach and the creation of a self-funded revenue model much like the programs and facilities that are operated at NARA. Over the six years that I have operated NARA, facility maintenance has been supported by the Recreation Department's NARA revolving accounts, from supplies to repairs.

Since my hiring as Recreation Director in August 2006, I have been personally working toward this goal by maintaining and working toward certifications in applicable realms.

Qualifications:

CPRP, Certified Parks and Recreation Professional, National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) www.nrpa.org/cprp since 2010

CPSI, Certified Playground and Safety Inspector, NRPA www.nrpa.org/cpsi since 2009

AOLCP Accredited Organic Land Care Professional, Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA, MA) since 2009 www.nofa.organiclandcare.net

Certified Master Gardener, Massachusetts Master Gardener Association, MMGA since 2006 http://massmastergardeners.org/about-us/

Pursuing HTR, Horticulture Therapist-Registered, American Horticultural Therapy Association AHTA http://ahta.org/professional-registration

Nature, history and agriculture are to provide the themes for the development of future programming and facility use at this unique property and my staff and I are uniquely qualified to carry it out. We will be submitting a detailed revenue model in support of the Morrison Farm CPA application.

Thank you for your consideration of this support letter.